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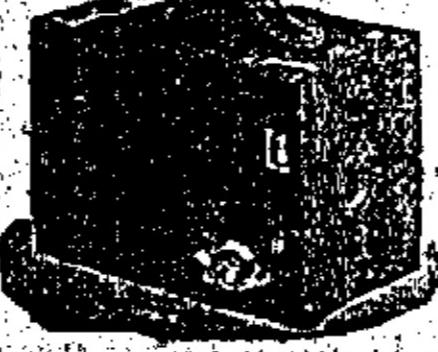
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 1ST, 1905.

MANY, or at any rate, a considerable few, of the investors of the China coast and in this Colony distrust local companies as permanent investments, the idea being that there are "wheels within wheels" in numerous cases that do not turn to the advantage of bona-fide investors. Some concerns that share in this feeling are to all appearances of a standing to offer security of the "gilt-edged" variety. Their position and prospects cannot easily be impugned, and they often pay dividends with which the returns that satisfy European investors cannot be compared. The distrust is by no means logically distributed. Some businesses that would not attract a really cautious investor are quite popular; others, with which it is difficult to find fault, are eschewed by those with capital to employ. The popular impression seems to be that there is far too much Stock Exchange gambling to make the local share markets a safe field for investment; and that only those who are, as the slang expression goes, "in the know," can hope to profit by dealing in these securities. The ordinary investor, whose object is to retain his capital in some safe concern while drawing a regular and reasonable return, is told that at any moment his good dividends are liable to be set off by alarming depreciation of the value of his shares. We must certainly admit that these violent fluctuations do occur, with some frequency; and that there is often no apparent relation between the actual profits or working of a company and the rates at which its shares may be from time to time quoted. To mention, without any implication, some recent occurrences of the

kind, there was what the sharebrokers described as "the awful slump" in Indo-China. There was also the recent case of the High-level Tramways, for buying shares in which a bona-fide investor would not have been considered unwise twelve months ago, but who would now be facing a very apparent hole in his capital. There is the case of S. C. Farnham Boyd and Co., Ltd., perhaps more typical than those we have mentioned. That, as a shareholder has recently pointed out, is Shanghai's biggest industry, "the most important British interest on the Yangtze," and everyone will agree with him that "it ought to be a gilt-edged security yielding regular returns to genuine investors." Yet no genuine investor who bought shares at three hundred taels can have his trust in Far Eastern undertakings strengthened by the present value of his holding. In that case it seems to be admitted that the business is in the hands of a company of men with mixed motives, a number of genuine investors, and a number of what the Chairman has called "the speculative element." In trying to hold the balance even between these two opposing forces, the directorate seems to have fallen between two stools. At least, this is one impression we derive after wading through the recent maze of argument at the northern port. Apparently genuine investors are in the majority, as the Chairman has stated that about two-thirds of the original shareholders have never changed their holdings, unless to increase them. If this be the case, it may be that it is "the speculative element" which is raising all the bother. To us, it looks very much like that; but so many extraordinary allegations have been made that we do not care to express an opinion with any show of confidence. The broad fact remains that there is a growing prejudice against Far Eastern industrial investments, and such disputes are not likely to combat that prejudice, nor to establish the reputation of any of the companies so afflicted. Many ex-Colonials and settlers who have retired to a well-earned rest at home have left a bulk of their savings invested in the Far East, attracted by the more favourable returns made. Should these, and other non-gambling investors, begin to fight shy of local industrial undertakings, it would be a bad day for business enterprise. Fluctuations in values caused by rising and falling exchange do not alarm them, for the two work almost automatically together, a fall in the value of the dollar usually being accompanied by a rise in the prices of stocks. The latter adjust themselves. But if violent fluctuations grow more common, and it becomes known that Stock Exchange gambling is really the secret of it all, there will be inevitable and wide-reaching results of truly deplorable nature. It is much better all round to have steadier values and normal returns than the bloated and unhealthy profits that are brought about sometimes apparently without sufficient cause. One Far Eastern feature which sometimes strikes us as peculiar is that there should be such apparent unanimity and satisfaction at shareholders' meetings; and almost simultaneously such torrents of virulent and anonymous criticism in the correspondence columns of the Press. The directors appear to be, directors who are like Caesar's wife, above suspicion; shareholders who, however many baskets their eggs may be in, will keep their eye on the baskets, and have the courage to sound an alarm when anything suspicious approaches; and, lastly, and by no means easy, some restraint upon the increasing number of the frequenters of the "Bistro." The jest is melancholy, and the slang objectionable, but the obvious reflection is that too many brokers means too many "broke."

Of two plague cases reported yesterday, one was fatal. The number now stands at 195.

Four old coolie women were yesterday fined \$1 each by Mr. F. A. Hazland at the Police Court for removing dirt from the side of Belcher Street.

The funeral of the late Constable Harding took place yesterday afternoon, when as many police as could be spared followed his remains to the cemetery. Owing to his death, the police parade which was to have taken place yesterday, was postponed for a week.

In connection with the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd.'s interim dividend of 5 per cent. for the year ending February, 1905, the N.C. Daily News says it is expected that a final dividend of at least an equal amount will be declared before long. It will be seen that holders of bearer coupons can collect their dividend, 1s. per share, at once, while the warrants for the holders of registered shares are expected in China in about a month's time.

The third meeting of the Hongkong Gymna Club is announced to take place on Saturday the 15th inst. The programme is advertised on page 4. Entries close on Saturday next.

Professor William Douglas Cox, Foreign Instructor in the First Higher School, Tokyo, is dead, after twenty-nine years in the Japanese Government's service. According to the N.C. Daily News telegram, he was buried on June 25th.

Mr. Herbert Price announces that his interest and responsibility in the firm of Messrs. H. Price & Co., wine and spirit merchants, ceases from to-day. The public are also notified that the new proprietor will carry on the business at the same address and in the same manner.

In quoting from Admiral Togo's official report of the Battle of Tsushima, we were struck by the opening, which began "By the help of God." We have since seen a translation by the *Japan Chronicle*, which we think likelier to be correct. It makes the gallant admiral begin, "With the grace of the Heaven and the Gods."

A hawk of swallows from the city of Canton paid his first visit to Hongkong a few days ago, since when he has never tired of riding on the wonderful electric trams. When opposite the Naval Canton yesterday, he attempted to jump off before the tram had stopped. He was taken to hospital with a nasty scalp wound and a fractured arm.

The reserved decision in the case of Wong Ho Cheong, the "confidence" man and "magician," who stood indicted on two charges of obtaining money by false pretences was delivered by Mr. G. N. Orme at the Police Court yesterday. On the two counts His Worship sentenced the defendant to six months' hard labour and six hours' stocks.

Dr. Burchet, Vice-Consul-General for America at Shanghai, left for his home in Maryland on June 24th. Dr. Burchet has been in China for about forty-five years, most of which were spent in Ningpo as a missionary. Later he entered the American Consular Service, taking charge of the Land Department, where his knowledge of Chinese stood him in good stead.

A seaman in the hold of a launch at Yau Ma Tei was passing ashore in a basket which another of the crew was unmercifully dumping into the harbour, when the police pinnace, with Constable Barry aboard, came alongside. As soon as the seaman got on deck noticed the police launch, he jumped overboard and swam ashore. The constable got on board, and the man at work showed signs of surprise and alarm. The one who was taken in charge, and appeared before Mr. G. N. Orme at the Police Court yesterday, was fined \$20.

By kind permission of Colonel W. G. R. Western, C.B., and Officers, the Band of the Second Battalion "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment), will play the following programme of music during dinner, at the Hongkong Hotel, this (Saturday) evening: March..... "Forward Saturday"..... Gunther Overture..... "Le Domino Noir"..... Aubrey Vale..... "La Serenata"..... Jaxone Selection from "Le Mocatto"..... Andraun Gavotto.... "La Reine"..... Melville Song (Cornel Sole) "The Lost Chord" Sullivan Selection from "Cavalleria Rusticana" Macagni GOD SAVE THE KING.

MENU.—Hors D'oeuvre—Campos a la Wind-sor, Soup—Moult Turtle Soup, Fish—Stewed Fish and Butter Sauce, Entree—Rabbit, a la Francaise, Stewed Steak a l'Anglaise, Sweetbread Pâté, Curry—Kabob Curry, Joints, &c., Roast Australian Lamb and Mint Sauce, Roast Turkey and Sausage, Boiled Bacon and Cabbage, Cold Veal and Ham Pie and Cucumber and Onion Salad, Sweets—Tapioca and Apple Pudding, Coffee Ice Cream and Genoa Cake, Apricot Tart, Tipy Cake, Dessert—Coffees—Fruits.

EUROPEAN MASTER AND CHINESE "BOY."

A TYPICAL INCIDENT.

Carl Heuser, of No. 3 Mosque Terrace, was charged with assault before Mr. G. N. Orme at the Police Court yesterday by his house boy. Defendant had taken out a cross summons against the boy for disobeying the lawful commands of his master.

Carl Heuser stated that on the 24th instant he went out on a bathing picnic. When he returned home that night he found that there was no towel in his room. On calling the boy to get one, he appeared to be very angry at being awakened, and began to throw things about the room. Defendant then slapped his face.

The boy's story was that on the afternoon of the 24th instant he went out for a walk, but feeling unwell, returned home and went to bed. His master dined elsewhere that night, returning home about 12.30 a.m. When his master called him, he got up and took in his basket. His master accused him of being lazy, and struck him before he could explain that he was unwell.

His Worship cautioned and discharged the boy, also the master, considering there had been some provocation, but advised him to be careful in dealing with his employees in future.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The str. *Derbyshire* left Singapore on Thursday, the 29th June, and is due here on the 5th July.

The H.A.L. str. *Spezia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 29th June p.m., and may be expected here on the 5th July, p.m. The O.S.S. & C.M. str. *Stentor* left Singapore yesterday at noon, and is due here on the 5th July.

TELEGRAFS.

[DAILY PRESS SERVICE.]

THE "SAMSON" CASE.

VERDICT FOR THE RUSSIAN AGENT.

SHANGHAI, 30th June.

Mr. Justice de Saussure gave judgment to-day in the Supreme Court, in the suit to decide the ownership of the tug-boat *Samson*.

The judgment awards M. Pavlov Tls. 19,000, less certain expenses; and values the *Samson* at Tls. 60,000. It also allows Tls. 41,000 to be paid on account of the steamer *Edendale*, the purchase of which was cancelled by "Baron" Ward.

* * * The following were the questions left with the jury by his Lordship, and the answers returned to them:

1.—Was the purchase of the *Samson* part of the scheme of which the purchase of the *Edendale* and the hospital ship fittings and medical comforts formed part, or was it effected in connection with Mr. Burleigh and the defendant's war correspondence? That the purchase of the *Samson* was part of the whole scheme.

2.—Did the plaintiff purchase the *Samson*? If so, was it on his own behalf or on behalf of the Russian Government?—Or behalf of the Russian Government?

3.—With whom did the defendant deal, with the Russian Government or with the plaintiff?—With the plaintiff as the agent of the Russian Government.

4.—Was defendant's remuneration fixed at any and what sum?—There is not sufficient evidence to show that any sum was fixed.

5.—Had the defendant authority to sell the *Samson*?—No.

6.—Had the defendant authority to purchase the *Edendale*?—Yes.

7.—Had the defendant authority to cancel the purchase of the *Edendale*? Was it the sum of Tls. 40,000 paid to Kristensen and was this a proper sum?—Yes. The sum of Tls. 40,000 was paid, but we are unable to decide whether this is a proper sum.

8.—Had the defendant authority to purchase the medical stores and comforts?—Yes.

The jury also found that the sum of Tls. 40,000 (referred to in question 7) was deducted out of the sale price of the *Samson* when resold to the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co.

THE HORRORS IN RUSSIA.

REBELS BOMBARDING

ODESSA.

LONDON, 30th June.

The rebels are bombarding Odessa. Thousands have been killed and wounded.

The crew of the transport *Vesta* have joined the mutineers.

At Libau, also, the sailors have revolted; and the loyalty of the troops is doubtful.

THE "ST. KILDA" AFFAIR.

LONDON, 30th June.

The Russian Government informs Great Britain that it has referred the case of the *St. Kilda* to the Prize Court for special enquiry.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

LONDON, 30th June.

The Franco-German situation has improved, and the fear of diplomatic rupture is abating.

SIR FRANCIS TAYLOR PIGGOTT.

LONDON, 30th June.

His Majesty has conferred Knight hood upon the Chief Justice at Hongkong, now Sir Francis Taylor Piggott.

PRINCE ARISUGAWA HONOURED.

BEFORE SIR F. T. PIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

XIN FOON EXPORTER WONG HUP TONG.

In this case Mr. R. Harding appeared for the petitioning creditor, and applied for a receiving order.

Mr. Harding—Who had carried on business at 269 Des Ventes Road, owed his client \$2,000 on a promissory note. The debtor had suspended payment, and had attempted to defeat and delay his creditors by leaving the Colony.

His Lordship—How do you show that he attempted to defeat and delay his creditors?

Mr. Harding—It is for him to show what his intention was.

His Lordship—Did he leave the Colony since the petition?

Mr. Harding—Certainly.

His Lordship—Then it would not be an act of bankruptcy. The act of bankruptcy must be committed before, as to be a ground for the petition. I do not see sufficient in the affidavit at present. The second ground is that he suspended payment?

Mr. Harding—He gave verbal notice.

His Lordship—The affidavit does not show that.

Mr. Harding—I have the petitioning creditor, and can put him in the box.

His Lordship—I can quite understand a petitioning creditor being put in the box to prove what is set out in the petition but not to supplement it.

The application was not granted.

His Lordship—If you want to have leave to amend you can have it now.

Mr. Harding—I shall have to reserve the petition.

BE THE CHING HOP FIRM.

In application No. 32, Mr. P. W. Goldring

appeared for the petitioning creditor, the case

being the Ching Hop firm expatriate Leung Sing Wo.

The petitioning creditor not being in

Court, His Lordship proceeded to application

No. 35, the Ching Hop firm expatriate Siemens & Co. and others. In this case Mr. F. E. L. Bowley appeared for the petitioning creditor.

An interim receiving order had been granted

at a previous application, in respect of applica-

tion No. 32.

Mr. Goldring stated that though he had

appeared for the petitioning creditor in No. 32,

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE QUESTION OF OFFICERS.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Sir.—It is with something akin to amusement, not to say regret—for it is a matter for regret when Hongkong's noble defenders fall out among themselves—that one takes up his morning paper to be confronted with such silly and childish planks as those appearing over the *non de plume* of "15 pounder" and others of that ilk.

That men professing to have the welfare of their country at heart, and who in their enthusiasm don the khaki and trappings of a soldier, should sink to whining in the columns of the local press, because the powers that be have thought fit to promote several of their deserving conferees, is a matter that, unless promptly checked, can only bring ridicule and discredit upon the corps.

It is generally understood that a good soldier is entirely and absolutely subservient to the ruling of his superior officer, whose mandate is law, and whose decision is unquestioned; but this is apparently not the case in the H.K.V. where the "green eyed contingent" presume to question the decisions of their officers commanding who are undoubtedly the best able to judge.

This certainly tends to substantiate the charge that has more than once been made that volunteering in Hongkong is a picnic—in short, playing at soldiers!

Let us hope that the now officers will respect their appointment, and show these whining malcontents how a defender of the empire should toe the line.—Yours faithfully,

"ROSS GUNS."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS"]

Hongkong, 30th June, 1905.

Sir.—With reference to "Maxim's" letter in your issue of yesterday saying that I only invite correspondence from old members of the Corps, as I expect the least resistance from that quarter, I may state for "Maxim's" edification that he is entirely wrong. My reason in asking for old members' opinions was that they, having been in the Corps for a longer period and having more experience, would be better able to judge.

I am quite justified in expressing my views in the paper to show to the public, who are paying the expenses for the upkeep of the Corps, how commissions are granted to members. He also states that several (sic) of the old members were offered the commission but preferred to remain in their present position. I presume he means by the word "several" three or four "society" members. It is a very funny thing the majority of the old members were not asked. Why? Will "Maxim" answer this question? "Maxim" also says that he is fully confident that the Sergeant (junior), and the Gunner referred to, when the time comes will prove themselves worthy of His Excellency's Commission, etc. I hope they will, but why were they not given an examination to prove that they are really the two most qualified men in the Corps for promotion? It appears they were taken for granted to be the right men for the two vacancies. All goes work—Yours, etc.,

15 POUNDER.

* * * This correspondence threatens to become a *regressus ad infinitum*. We propose its discontinuance. ED.

THE INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Sir.—Possessing a fleet of steamers, lighters etc., worth £1,000,000 (written down to a very low book value), having in hand an underwriting account of £240,000 and receiving for the past year £120,000 net earnings, the directors of this company have only been able to declare a dividend of 6 per cent. on the paid up Capital of about £50,000 (£9,589 shares subscribed and fully paid up at £10 per share).

For the sake of convenience, assuming that the rate of £1 is reckoned at \$10, the company's fleet being represented at \$10,000,000, the underwriting account \$2,400,000 and the net profits for the past year \$1,200,000, the value of the company's shares should not be worth less than \$270 per share; or in other words, if the company's fleet were sold this day, the sum realized (for any big steamship company having its field of operation in this part of the world) would be too eager to acquire the whole of this company's property for not less than \$10,000,000 together with the huge amount in hand for underwriting account and the net profits earned, the shareholders would receive a return of not less than \$270 per share held by them. And yet these shares are this day quoted locally blow par as a direct result (I consider) of the action of the directors, in declaring a dividend of 6 per cent. per share.

Assuming again for the sake of argument that a local company with an asset worth \$12,000,000 (last year net earnings not included) would the directors calmly inform the shareholders that in view of keen competition and with the object of safeguarding their interests a dividend of 6 per cent. reckoned at \$10 to the pound) when their net earnings for the past year being \$1,200,000 (£120,000 equivalent to 25 per cent. of their paid up capital of £50,000) could only be given? I know not, but if they did, it would be apparent that their policy of safeguarding the shareholders' interests was a mistake one.

The Indo-China Company has been in existence for a great number of years and was inaugurated when competition worthy of the name was non-existent. In consequence of the fact of the head office and the directors being thousands of miles away from the field

of operation of the company's fleet matters must, under necessity, be frequently allowed to drift, with the result that keen competition is feared by the directors.

I am of the opinion that the directors have failed in properly safeguarding the interests of the shareholders. With the company's resources the Manila and Calcutta lines should without the slightest exertion have been banished or at least rendered unprofitable to competitors.

The steamers are not up-to-date.

It is my firm conviction that if the head office is removed to this Colony with a new directorate composed of local men (many with plenty of brains easily found here), this company will be able to defy competition; its earning power will be greatly enhanced; and the interests of shareholders better protected.

The remedy is entirely in the hands of the shareholders. By concerted action they could secure the desired change.—Yours faithfully,

A SHAREHOLDER.

CHINESE PIRATES STILL AT WORK.

We take the following from a long article on "present day piracy," by Mr. Alleyne Irland. In piracy as in all other things the Chinaman is the most profound of conservatives; and nearly all pirates which have been committed in comparatively recent years in the Far East may be set down to the credit (perhaps I should say discredit) of the Chinese.

What the people of China suffer from Chinese piracy we can never fully know, but it is a matter of history that on many occasions large parts of the Chinese coast have been devastated and laid waste by Chinese pirates, and that these have sometimes remained uninhabited for many years owing to the fear of piratical incursions.

In Shanghai and Canton I was told by Chinese officials that river piracy was almost as common as petty larceny, and if one may judge by the cases which have come to light from time to time in Hongkong sea piracy has flourished almost down to the present day, and almost within sight of the guns of the British fleet in Hongkong Harbour.

One of the most horrible cases of piracy in recent years on the China coast occurred on the 10th of December, 1899, quite close to Hongkong. A vessel named the *Nanmo* left Hongkong for Swatow with five saloon and about 200 Chinese deck passengers. When the *Nanmo* was a few hours out of Hongkong there suddenly appeared on deck a large band of Chinese armed with revolvers and cutlasses. Before any resistance could be offered the pirates and gained control of the ship, the captain had been shot, the passengers locked up in their cabins, and the second officers, under threat of instant death, was piloting the ship to a spot where six junks were waiting to receive the cargo of the *Nanmo*, or such part of it as the pirates wanted and the time at their disposal allowed.

After looting the ship of all that was valuable and easily transposed, the pirates left her, after throwing a bag containing \$200 down into the stockhold as a present for the Chinese firemen who had been forced to go on with their work under threat of being thrown overboard.

The sequel to this case was rather curious. Under the English law, which, of course, regulates the judicial proceedings in Hongkong, it was found impossible to gather sufficient evidence against the *Nanmopirates* (who had been tracked down and arrested by the Hongkong police) not only to convict them, but even to place them on trial, and they were therefore liberated.

The Chinese law, however, knows under no such restrictions as those which we regard as so essential to the administration of justice, and a Chinese magistrate may not only have any man before him as a witness and subject him to torture, but he can also torture a prisoner in order to extract a confession from him.

As piracy is an offence for which the authorities of any nation may try suspected persons of any other nation, the Chinese pirates who attacked the *Nanmo* fell first under British jurisdiction because they were actually captured through the agency of a British police force; but on their discharge, for lack of evidence, the Chinese authorities were informed of the fact and were urged to take some steps in the matter.

The result was that the Chinese arrested about thirty persons for complicity in the *Nanmo* piracy, tried them by Chinese methods, and finally beheaded them on the beach of Kowloon, on the Chinese mainland, within sight of Hongkong, in the year 1891.

THE "TIMES" ON THE SITUATION.

Count Cassini haughtily waves aside the talk of peace as "premature," and adds that, if it is represented, "the neutral Powers can scarcely wait for the victory to be known before they are allowed to remain without a taste of defeat." He even affirms that in his belief Rothfleisch's disaster will prolong the contest indefinitely. Certain organs of the Continental Press, very notably amongst the French and Germans, sound the same note as Count Cassini and dwell once more in affected terror upon the dangers to civilization of the "yellow peril"—though the victory of Japan has itself been brought, as a Vienna paper justly remarks, a "splendid triumph of superior civilization." Others suggest that really Japan ought to be moderate in her demands, should respect the national aspirations of her defeated foe, and, in particular, should not inflict upon her the "humiliation" of an indemnity. We do not for a moment believe that either in France or Germany or in any other country in the world the smallest intention of taking practical action of any kind to rob Japan once again of the legitimate fruits of her campaign. We know, and all the world knows, that this country would be bound to resist by all means and to the last any efforts of the sort. The pro-Russianans are simply trying on the tactic they have so often and so vainly tried before. They call upon Japan to act as they would not dream of calling upon any other Great Power to act in similar circumstances. When they charge her with aggression they willfully misrepresent history which will still fresh in the minds of us all. Japan has never been the aggressor against any European Power. But it is only ten years ago that two other European Powers, combined with Russia, to force her to cancel the most valuable articles of the treaty of Shimomura. It was that intervention supported by many of the shins which she has just sent to the bottom which by a logical series of events made the present struggle inevitable. To repeat the blunder to-day would be the best way of converting the term "yellow peril" into a living reality. To such a scheme, as foolish as it is injurious, England at least will offer an uncompromising resistance.

Fashions in drama change as frequently as fashion in hats. In one generation the taste is all for plot and intrigue; in another for dialogue and sparkle; it has been reserved for our own more favoured day to evolve the comedy of nothing in particular. Nowadays nothing happens in a play.—*The Outlook*.

REVIEWS.

With Russian, Japanese and Chinese, by ERNEST BRINDLE. London: John Murray, Albemarle St., W.

Written by one of the junior war correspondents, a Shanghai reporter who went north for the *Daily Mail*, this book is dedicated to Sir Alfred Harmsworth, a casting of bread on the waters which we hope may be returned after not many days. Like some other of this season's war books, it is the result of a little seeing, some reading and much imagining; and is readable enough for any man who may have hitherto overlooked the fact that Russia and Japan are at war.

The little seeing tells us about the Chinese, but how much we may depend upon the description of an author who says that "some of the faces I saw among them were the most evil I have ever gazed at; or in my life." Is a question we prefer to leave open. Whether it is that a prophet has no honour in his own country, or that a connection with the *Daily Mail* demoralizes, the fact remains that Mr. Brindle's high authority is not regarded on the China coast with the respect it deserves. Judged on its merits alone, without knowing the author, we should have said that this book might have been written by an intelligent *Daily Mail* reporter without leaving London.

The Wild Irishman, by T. W. H. CROSLAND. London: T. Werner Laurie, Clifford's Inn, Fleet St.

Were it not that Mr. Crosland has an objectionable habit of using his critics for libel, we might have ventured on a reference to him as "The Wild Yorkshirian." He seems to have strong anti-social feelings, and he lets himself go when seeking expression for them. The best parts of this somewhat tedious work, however, are undoubtedly to be found in the copious quotations. Whole pages have been taken (with due acknowledgment, of course) from various writers. This is a little odd in the case of a man who complains that "the English Press is a glorious institution, and always short of both money and ideas." We are not short of id as concerning this book, but for reasons which we have hinted, we refrain from airing them all. We are permitted, however, to remark that we are not admires of the ideas of Mr. Crosland. His idea of "the wild Irishman" seems to be that he would not be so bad if he did n't happen to be (according to Mr. Crosland), in many cases a dirty Scotoman!

Fond Adventure, by MAURICE HEWLETT. London: Macmillan & Co. Ltd.

These tales of the youth of the world are eminently readable. Mr. Hewlett has the knack of presenting what we feel must be the correct colour of his scenes and times, and the dramatic interest of his stories is always great. Here we have a reminder of Boccaccio's charm in "The Heart's Key," a rollicking Stevensonian narrative in "Brazenhead the Great," one of the rebel Cade's men of infinite resource and humour, a thrilling story of a Florentine vendetta, and in "The Love Chase," now first published, the longest and perhaps best tale of them all. There is only one Maurice Hewlett, who wrote "Forest Lovers," "Fond Adventures" a group to sample.

Dorset Dear, by M. E. FRANCIS (Mrs. FRANCIS BLUNDELL). London: Longmans, Green & Co. 39, Paternoster Row.

These idylls of rural Dorset are really delightful reading, the country folk being drawn palpably from the life, and their humour absolutely fresh. The last tale, perhaps, of a well beloved maid who died while her faithful swain was away, the latter being "called" and guided to her grave by her spirit, is in the nature of anti-climax. "The Call of the Woods" is a story which none but educated men reared in the rural county will understand fully. The humour is of this sort:

Poor Sibley (husband of the woman speaking) "did seem to be hangin' on so long, so I went to see him prayed for." "A-h-h-h! An' that did put the Lord in mind of 'en, I should think?"

"It did put the Lord in mind of 'en," agreed Mrs. Sibley with gusto. "The Lord wouldn't no good to nobody in the 'sylum, un' so he w'er took."

The Brooding Wild, by RIDGWELL CULLUM. London: George Bell and Sons.

This is an extraordinarily sensational story of a momentous tragedy, or series of tragedies, in the Canadian Rockies. Two trappers brothers, rescue a half-bred ruder from a blizzard. The trader covets their hoard, and robs them by the aid of a female accomplice for whom the brothers quarrel. To gain this Squaw Delilah, they fight with knives, and the younger kills the older. Realizing what he has done, he goes mad, runs mad, and under the delusion that it is the woman he wants, allows a criztiz to embrace him with fatal results. Meanwhile, the half-breed meets with his destiny, and other killings and brawls make a thrilling tale.

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The Prodigals, by LAURENCE FORBES. London: John Long, 13 and 14 Norris St. Haymarket.

This is a capitally descriptive account of the sayings and doings of a hunting family, gossipy, amusing, characteristic, if only mildly exciting.

A good "love interest"; and nearly all dialogue which the avid novel reader likes.

CHINA AND THE AMERICAN EXCLUSION TREATY.

China has been visibly agitated the last month by public discussions of the Exclusion Treaty, and an attempt has been made towards creating national resentment to the United States, and a combined boycott on American products. Meetings of guilds and chambers of commerce have endorsed this mode of bringing the American Government to terms, and for a time it really looked as though the movement might assume serious proportions. Fortunately, the arrival of the new Minister, Mr. Rockhill, at this juncture, gave him an opportunity to explain matters, which apparently has had a good effect pending the final settlement of the new treaty.

The Chinese do not seem to object to America's policy of excluding the coolie class so much as the exactions and indignities placed upon commercial men, students and others outside the restrictions of the present treaty. Mr. Rockhill has assured the Chinese that the new treaty will be more liberal in regard to these classes, and in support of the Minister's assurance the Secretary of War, Mr. Taft, comes along with the lines defined by Mr. Rockhill. Mr. Taft, being the Administration's mouthpiece of the President.

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The whole trouble from the American standpoint lies in the fact that fraudulent certificates are issued by the Chinese authorities which give the coolie the standing of a student or mercenary, which entitles him to admission. These certificates are indorsed by our Consuls in China, who are forced to take the word of the Chinese official as to the standing of the holder, as they have not the machinery to undertake an investigation of all certificates.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, S.W.

Sir—I am directed to bring to your notice the grave inconvenience and expense which is resulting to British shipowners from the continued uncertainty as to whether certain articles may properly be treated as contraband by the belligerent Powers in the Far East.

The owners of the steamer—inform the Shipping Federation that that vessel is now in

Bombay, where she is loading for Hongkong and (or) Shanghai and (or) Japan—a cargo

which will probably consist chiefly of cotton.

The crew, including two mates and three engineers, refuse to proceed, on the ground

that cotton is held to be contraband of war,

with the result that serious delay and expense

will be caused to the ship. Other vessels have

had the same experience, their crews taking ad-

vantage of the present indecision on the subject

to demand to be discharged and to receive a

passage home at the owner's expense together

with payment of their wages until their arrival

in this country.

My executive recognizes the great difficulties

with which the Foreign Office is confronted in

dealing with this question, but I am to express

the hope that it may be found possible to obtain

from the Russian Government a clear pronounce-

ment that certain articles, including cotton,

which are not generally classed as contraband of war, will be excluded from the list of articles

so defined by that Government.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

CUTHBERT LAWES, General Manager.

Foreign Office, May 26.

Sir—I am directed by the Marquis of Lansdowne to acknowledge

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Hongkong, 28th June, 1905. [1543]

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and measuring thereon 330 feet or thereabouts
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measuring thereon 398 feet or thereabouts on
the East side thereof on Mount Kellett Road
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Building Lot No. 76 and partly Crown
Land and measuring thereon 249 feet
or thereabouts on the South side thereof on
other portion of the said Rural Building Lot
No. 76 described on the said Sale plan at
Lot No. 1 and measuring thereon 330 feet or
thereabouts on the East side thereof on Mount
Kellett Road and measuring thereon 192 feet or
thereabouts on the West side thereof on Crown
Land and measuring thereon 218 feet or
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RUSSIA AND CHINESE NEUTRALITY.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE "TIMES."]

From a purely military point of view the
results of General Michchenko's reconnaissance
must be regarded as unsatisfactory, since ap-
parently the raid is not to be followed by an
immediate offensive, and the Japanese will thus
be allowed time in which to redistribute their
forces.

Paris, May 28th.
St. Petersburg, May 29.

The Foreign Office through its accredited
mouthpiece assures me that Russia does not
contemplate any alteration whatever of the
status quo in China in connexion with the
operations in Mongolia. The Foreign Office desires that the
Russian forces would undertake operations in
Mongolia. The Foreign Office desires that the
operations will be of a purely defensive
character, such as may be called for by the
 exigencies of Japanese strategy. The sincerity
of the Russian Foreign Office in this matt' r
need not be questioned; but, it may be asked,
why does Russian diplomacy strive to sanction
a policy which may lead Russia into another
territorial adventure involving international
complications?

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly
share report dated Hongkong, 30th June, 1905.
The prevailing feature of the market continues
to be a tendency to further weakness, and with
a very few exceptions we have to quote lower
rates when any changes have been made. The
settlements yesterday were put through, but
brought out several difficulties, when losses had
to be borne in some cases by their brokers and
in others by their principals. On the whole it can
only be termed an unsatisfactory settlement,
although it is likely to clear the air to some
extent.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai's have
further improved to \$200 without any sales to
report the rate rose quickly and the market
closed with buyers and no sellers. The higher
rate not tempting holders to part. Nation's is
remain unchanged and without business.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have ruled
ste by with small sales at \$895, closing with
probable small sellers at that rate. Cantons
conclude in request at \$3174 without sales.
China Traders have further improved and
been placed as high as \$75, the market closing
steady at that rate. Yangtze and North
Chinas remain unchanged and without
business.

FIRES INSURANCES.—Hongkongs have been
placed at \$32/4, while Chinas continue without
sales at \$83.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao
have again changed hands at \$27, but close
with sellers at that rate. Indes under settle-
ment influences have suffered a further decline
and sales have been effected during the week
at \$91 and \$96, market closing steady at the
latter rate.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars remain more or
less neglected with a few sales obtainable at
\$214. Luzons have ruled quiet with sellers and
no sales to report.

MINING.—Ranbs have been placed at \$6 and
more wanted at that rate. Charbonnages
unchanged and without business.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hong-
kong and Whampoa Docks have somewhat
recovered, sales having been made at \$19/3, \$0/03
and \$1/4, closing with further buyers at the last
rate. Kowloon Wharves have steadied up a
bit and shares on offer last week at \$95 have
been withdrawn, while a small demand at that
rate remains unsatisfied at time of closing.
Farnham have fiftieth declined to \$10/4 ex
div., but close with buyers in Shanghai at that
rate. Amoy Docks unchanged end without
business.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hong-
kong Lands in the early part of the week
declined to \$117 and later to \$115 with sellers :
at time of closing however, the market appears
stable with probable buyers at \$114 to \$114/.

Hotels are quoted lower at \$142 sellers without
business. Humphreys have been placed at \$121,
and Kowloon lands at \$10.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewos have been dealt in
at limited extent at \$1s. 4d. and \$1s 6d. locally,
the market closing with buyers at \$1s. 4d.; other
quotations under the heading are taken
from Shanghai advices.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Bo's Asbestos are still
enquired for at \$5.50 without bringing any
shares in the market. Green Islands have been
placed at \$16/3 for new and \$3/6 for old shares,
and Watsons at \$12. Gas Shares have im-
proved to \$170 ex div., with buyers. Stern
Waterboats have fallen to \$16.

GENERAL ORDERS

BY MAJOR GENERAL VILLENIUS HATION, C.B.,
Commanding the Troops in South China.

HEAD QUARTERS,
Hongkong, 30th June, 1905.
Divine Service—No. 140. Divine Service
will be conducted on Sunday as follows:

Denomi-nation	Troops at	Where held	Hour	To Officer
Ch. of England	Victoria	Cathedral	8.30 a.m.	Chaplain.
Ch. of England	Mount Austin	Mount Austin	11.15 a.m.	Chaplain.
Ch. of England	Lyemun	The Baracks	12.15 p.m.	Orderly Sgt. Officer.
Ch. of England	Stone- cutters	The Baracks	1.15 p.m.	Orderly Sgt. Officer.
Ch. of England	Stm. Re- p. P.	Block	4 p.m.	Chaplain.
French	Victoria	Union Ch.	11 a.m.	Offg. Clerg.
Wesleyan	Victoria	Wealn. Ch.	10.15 a.m.	Offg. Clerg.
Wesleyan	Lyemun	The Baracks	9 a.m.	Arrang't to be made by Sgt. Officer.
Roman Catholic	Victoria	E. Joseph's Ch.	9 a.m.	Offg. Clerg.
Roman Catholic	Kowloon	Kowloon	7.30 a.m.	Offg. Clerg.

Launch will leave A. S. C. Pier for Lyemun
at 7.45 a.m.

Detail—No. 141. Detail of officers for the
ensuing week. Victoria (a) Prison Visitor,
Major H. J. Kelsall, Royal Garrison Artillery.
(b) Field Officer of the week, Captain G.
Elgood, 2nd Royal West Kent Regt. Next
for Duty, Captain F. Warren, Royal Garrison
Artillery. (c) Subaltern Officer of the week.
An Officer, 2nd Royal West Kent Regt. Next
for Duty, An Officer, 2nd Royal West Kent
Regt. Kowloon (a) Field Officer of the week,
Major H. P. E. Parker, 129th Baluchis. Next
for the Duty, Captain J. T. G. Adamson,
119th Infantry. (

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

AFGHAN PRINCE, British str., 3,183, M. Campbell, 30th June—New York 9th May.
General Anchored, Karlsruhe & Co.
ALEIA, German str., 5,167, F. Sachs, 30th June—Hamburg and Singapore 24th June.
General—Hamburg-American Line.
DAITA MARU, Japanese str., 1,732, J. Yokoyama, 29th June—Moji 24th June, Coal—Mitsui Bu-san Kaisha.
EGERTON CASTLE, British str., 1,834, J. Moodie, 30th June—Calcutta 11th June, Cables—Bradley & Co.
FRITHJOF, Norv. str., 801, H. A. Haraldsen, 30th June—Tomasi via Amoy and Swatow 25th June, General—Oskar Shoson Kaisha.
GLENLOCH, British str., 1,494, R. S. Powney, 28th June—Penang and Singapore 24th June, General—Chinese.
GLENLOCH, British str., 2,302, W. T. Larkins, 30th June—Singapore 25th June, General—Chinese.
NUHUA, British str., 5,914, F. Fox, 30th June—Shanghai 27th June, Mail and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
TALISMAN, Norwegian str., 1,172, S. Petterzen, 29th June—Samara 20th June, Sugar—Chinese.
TAMING, British str., 1,350, Outerbridge, 30th June—Manila 27th June, General—Butterfield & Swire.
WILLEMAD, German str., 3,012, Th. Obermeier, 29th June—Yokohama 17th June, General—Molchers & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
30th June.

Dover, British str., for Salson.
Goldsmith, British str., for Yokohama.
Scottish Queen, British ship, for Manila.
The Fugard, Norwegian str., for Calcutta.
Funan, British str., for Chefoo.

DEPARTURES.

A. G. ROSES, American ship, for Baltimore.
BENJAMON, British str., for London.
CARL DIEDERICHSEN, German str., for Hoihow.
ELIS KICKMERS, German str., for Hoihow.
HACHING, British str., for Costa Rica.
HEINDAL, Norwegian str., for Chefoo.
HONGKONG, French str., for Haiphong.
ITAKA, British str., for Chinkiang.
LOONGSAMO, British str., for Manila.
MARIA RICKMERS, German str., for Bangkok.
EWIL, British str., for Manila.
SIERRA LUCENA, British ship, for Royal Roads.
STETTIN, British str., for Shanghai.
TAISHUN, Chinese str., for Canton.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Taming* reports: Light to moderate wind and fine weather.
The British str. *Glenloch* reports: Light variable wind and smooth sea throughout.
The British str. *Afghan Prince* reports: Fine weather all the way, nothing particular to report.
The British str. *Glenloch* reports: Moderate to light northeast, smooth seas, fine clear weather throughout passage.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—
COWDRAY DOCKS—Byford, Travancore,
Hummer, Taiyuan, Tartar, Trivijaya.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.

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FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID.
THE Bucknall Line Steamship.

"MANICA."

Captain Liede, will be despatched above on THURSDAY, the 6th July, at DAYLIGHT.
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Agents.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [1533]

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THE Steamship
"OCEANIEN,"
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Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

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SS. "TONKIN" ... 8th Aug.
SS. "ARMAND BEHIC" 22nd Aug.
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Hongkong, 28th June, 1905. [1532]

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For information as to Freight and Passage, apply to the Head Agent of the

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VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
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THE Steamship
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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	NUBIA	Brit. str.	—	F. J. Fox	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PALEMO	Brit. str.	—	E. G. Andrews	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 7th inst.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	GLAUCON	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th inst.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	HYSON	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	AJAY	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Aug.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	IDOMENUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th Aug.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	PAKING	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th Aug.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	MANICA	British	—	Leslie	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 6th inst., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	OCEANIA	British	—	Courte	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 11th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	SEMEON	British	—	G. Boite	MOLCHER & CO.	On 5th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	BERGAVIA	German	K.W.	Russ	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	DARSHAW	German	—	Hildebrand	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 12th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	ALSEA	German	K.W.	Schulke	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	ALSEA	German	K.W.	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 9th Aug.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	BERGAVIA	German	K.W.	Lubing	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd Aug.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	SITHONIA	German	K.W.	Forck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 6th Sept.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	AOLIA	German	K.W.	Soch	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 3rd inst., 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	PLIADIES	Am. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	PLIADIES	Am. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th Aug.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	MONTEBELLO	Brit. str.	—		DODWELL & CO. LTD.	About 30th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	AFRICAN PRINCE	Am. str.	—		ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	About 12th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	KENNEDY	Brit. str.	—		STANDARD OIL CO.	About 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	VERONA	German	—		CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 31st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	INDRAWADE	British	—		SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	VANDALIA	German	K.W.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 8th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	TAUTAL	British	1 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 12th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	British	2 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 19th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	PLIADIES	Am. str.	—		DODWELL & CO. LTD.	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	KEEMUZ	British	1 m.		ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	About 12th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	NICOMEDIA	British	—		STANDARD OIL CO.	About 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	CHINTON	British	1 m.		CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 31st inst.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	YOKOHAMA	via SINGAPORE, &c.	—		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 8th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	SHANGHAI	—	—		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 12th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	WINGSAH	British	—		DODWELL & CO. LTD.	On 19th inst.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	FRITHJOF	German	—		CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 20th inst.
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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 23rd July.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 3rd August.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 4th August.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ORESTES"	On 5th August.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ULYSSES"	On 9th August.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 9th August.

HOMEWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 9th July.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP	"HYSON"	On 18th July.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 20th July.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP	"AJAX"	On 1st August.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	On 15th August.
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SINGAPORE, SOURABAYA and	"FOOSHING" ...	Saturday, 1st July, Noon.
SAMABANG	"WINGSANG" ...	Wednesday, 5th July, 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"KUMSANG" ...	Wednesday, 5th July, 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"AMARA" ...	Friday, 7th July, 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"YUENSANG" ...	Friday, 7th July, 4 P.M.
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EMPEROR OF JAPAN	6,000 Tons Com. H. Pybus, R.N.E.	WEDNESDAY, 12th July.
EMPEROR OF CHINA	6,000 Tons Com. R. Archibald, R.N.E.	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Aug.
ATHENIAN	3,882 Tons Com. S. Robinson, R.N.E.	WEDNESDAY, 9th Aug.
EMPEROR OF INDIA	6,000 Tons Com. E. Boothby, R.N.E.	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Aug.

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MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE.
Swatow, Singapore, Penang and Bangkok		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Amoy, Straits and Rangoon		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
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EUROPE, &c., India via Tuckorin	(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M.)	Extra Postage 10 cents)
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Macao		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Saigon		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Amoy		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Macao		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Macau		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Amoy, Straits and Rangoon		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
AMOY, KEELUNG, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
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Manila		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
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Singapore, Somaraya and Samarang		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Macau		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Zamboanga, Port Durbin, Mindanao Island, Cebu, Cotabato, Cagayan, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., INDIA via TUCKORIN	(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M.)	Extra Postage 10 cents)
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail)		
Extra Postage 10 cents)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)		
Cebu and Illelo		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Macao		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Fancy Goods, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2:30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

30th June

ON LONDON	104
Telegraphic Transfer	
Bank Bills, on demand	140
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	140
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	140
Credit, at 4 months' sight	140
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	140
ON PARIS	104
Bank Bills, on demand	236
Credit, at 4 months' sight	239
ON GERMANY	192
On demand	192
ON NEW YORK	192
Bank Bills, on demand	451
Credit, 60 days' sight	461
ON BOMBAY	140
Telegraphic Transfer	
Bank, on demand	140
ON CALCUTTA	140
Telegraphic Transfer	
Bank, on demand	140
ON SHANGHAI	140
Bank, at sight	71
Private, 30 days' sight	72
ON YOKOHAMA	92
On demand	92
ON MANILA	92
On demand—Peso	92
ON SINGAPORE	6 p.m. P.M.
On demand	112
ON HAINAN	12 p.m. P.M.
On demand	12 p.m. P.M.
ON BANGKOK	12 p.m. P.M.
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate	10.55
GOLD LEAF, 100 lbs. per cwt	55.90
HAB. SILVER, per oz.	26.12

OPium.

30th June.

Quotations are— Allow'd not to eat by.	
Malwa Now ... \$1200 to — per pound.	
Malwa Old ... \$1200 to — "	
Malwa Old ... \$1340 to — "	
Malwa V. Old ... \$1400 to — "	
Persian fine quality ... \$1800 to — "	
Persian extra fine ... \$1020 to — "	
Pain New ... \$1115 to — per obol.	
Pain Old ... \$8 — to — "	
Banana New ... \$1075 to — "	
Banana Old ... \$8 — to — "	

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL
The I.G.M. str. "Darmstadt" left Kobe via Nagasaki, Shanghai and Foochow on Tuesday, the 27th June at 4 a.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 4th July, p.m.

The I.G.M. str. "Schleswig" left Colombo on Saturday, p.m., and may be expected here on Wednesday, the 6th July.

THE CANADIAN MAIL
The C.P.R. str. "Empress of Japan" arrived at Kobe at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 27th June, and left again at midnight same day via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 4 a.m. on Saturday, the 1st July.

SHIPMENT STEAMERS
The str. "Aguan Prince," from New York, left Singapore on the 24th June, and expected here to-day.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 30th June.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	\$200	\$100.
Banks—		
Hongkong & Shal.	\$125	\$80, buyers London, 12.24 10s.
A. Shares	25	\$7, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Co.	12a	6d, buyers
China Borax Co.	12	\$12, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	30	\$10.
Chim Provident	30	\$10, sellers
Cotton Mills—		
Env.	50	Tls. 41, buyers
Hongkong	50	\$10, sellers
International	75	Tls. 38.
Lau Kong Mow	100	Tls. 42.
Soyecho	500	\$100, sellers
Dairy Farm	8	\$17, sellers
Docks and Wharves—		
Farnham, H. & Co.	100	Tls. 140, ex div. [buy]
H. & K. Wharf & G.	500	\$36.
H. & W. Dock	50	\$104, buyers
S'ham & H. Wharf	100	Tls. 175.
Penwick & Co., Geo.	25	\$38.
G. Island Cement	5	\$20, sc'ts & sol.
Hongkong & Gas	20	\$10, ex div. buy,
Hongkong & Electric	20	\$17, buyers
H. H. L. Tramway	100	\$11, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	500	\$142, sellers
Hongkong Ice Co.	225	\$22.
Hongkong Rope Co.	50	\$13.
H'ong S. Waterboat	10	\$10, sellers
Insurance—		
Canton	500	\$174, buyers
China Fire	20	\$87, sellers
China Traders	25	\$76.
Hongkong Fire	50	\$102, sales
North China Union	25	Tls. 52.
Yangtze	80	\$174.
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	900	\$116.
Humphrey's Estate	100	\$124, sellers
Do. Now...	10	\$124, sellers
Kowloon Land & E.	100	\$122, buyers
Westpoint Building	500	\$54, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	250	\$490.
Raouts	180	\$6, buyers
Philippine Co.	10	\$91, sellers
Refineries—		
China Sugar	100	\$21, sellers
Luzon Sugar	100	\$31, sellers
Steamship Companies—		
China and Amur	25	\$21, sellers
Douglas Steamship	30	\$24, sellers
H. Canton	45	\$27, sellers
Indo-China S.N. Co.	40	\$50, sellers
Shell Transport Co.	20	\$24, sellers
Do. Preference...	10	\$8, 10s.
Star Ferry	10	\$24, sellers
Do. Now...	8	\$27, rates & sellers
Shanghai & D. Dystyng	50	\$50.
South China M. Post	25	\$22, sellers
Steam Laundry Co.	20	\$8.
Do.	8	\$74.
Stores & Dispensaries—		
Campbell, H. & Co.	50	\$88.
Powell & Co., Wm.	50	\$113, sellers
Watkins	50	\$8, sellers
Watson & Co., A. S.	50	\$12, ex div.
United Asbestos	4	\$24, sellers
Do. Founders...	10	\$19.

VERNON & SMITH, Brokers.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE	
From 1st to the 7th July.	
To correct Zone Time add 23 min. and 18 sec.	
HIGH WATER.	
LOW WATER.	
Day of Week	
Sat.	7.15 6.15 5.15 4.15 3.15 2.15 1.15
Sun.	8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00 4.00 3.00 2.00
Mon.	8.57 a. 7.57 a. 6.57 a. 5.57 a. 4.57 a. 3.57 a. 2.57 a.
Tues.	9.14 a. 8.14 a. 7.14 a. 6.14 a. 5.14 a. 4.14 a. 3.14 a.
Wed.	9.21 a. 8.21 a. 7.21 a. 6.21 a. 5.21 a. 4.21 a. 3.21 a.
Thurs.	9.28 a. 8.28 a. 7.28 a. 6.28 a. 5.28 a. 4.28 a. 3.28 a.
Fri.	10.14 a. 9.14 a. 8.14 a. 7.14 a. 6.14 a. 5.14 a. 4.14 a.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Day of Week	Hongkong Mean Time	Highl.	H

CHILDREN OF FAR CATHAY,
A SOCIAL AND POLITICAL NOVEL.

CHARLES J. H. HALCOMBE,
HON. MEMBER OF CHINA REFORM PARTY.
Author of "The Mystic Flower Land,"
"Travels in the Transvaal," &c. &c.

(Continued from last Saturday)

They now arrived at their destination; and after receiving on bended knee his aged tutor's blessing—Cheng retraced his steps, and in arriving home, at once prepared for "ordal" at the temple, since he had not attended with the family on the previous night to perform the customary New Year ceremonies, having stayed indoors with his father and helped him to entertain a party of relations and friends. Being anxious to make up for these shortcomings, Mr. Hung had already gone to "joss" for it was nearly twelve o'clock; so taking with him a packet of sacrificial candles, two sheaves of joss-sticks and some silver paper folded to represent sheets of Sycamore—these things being carried by a male attendant—our young friend proceeded on his way.

The city temple stood on the western side of a large square which during the morning was used as the market-place and was over looked from the side windows of the apartments used by the ladies of Mr. Hung Fong's family. This ancient though well-preserved fence, which had been built in the Sung dynasty (A.D. 1129-1230), was partly enclosed by a high iron railing with broad gate, which were seldom closed. On the inside of the outer entrance flanking a walk of tessellated pavement stood two square granite pedestals, each surrounded by a falcon's beak of ferocious aspect holding a red ball in its capacious jaws. Beyond these a broad flight of stone steps, stretching across the entire frontage of the building, led to a terrace sheltered by overhanging eaves which were supported by beautifully sculptured pillars of age-stained marble; while the gracefully carved roof was ornamented with blue and white porcelain tiles and coloured stucco-work depicting long-tailed dragons, griffins, and other mythological monsters. Two large folding doors, painted vermilion and embellished with curious paintings of cloud-enthroned genii, gave entrance to the central chamber of the shrine. This was oblong in shape and the walls were richly gilded and decorated with artistic panels and mouldings chiefly in *alto rilievo*. Four delicate presiding over the sanctum: Tin Hau, the Goddess of Heaven, Kwang Tai, the God of War, Ma Chong, the God of Literature, and Kwan Yam, the Goddess of Mercy: these being impersonated by huge bronze images which sat there solemnly facing one another, two on either side; and at the foot of each was an incense brazier, a pot in which to place joss-sticks and a table for votive offerings. In the centre of the chamber and facing the entrance, stood a high altar, covered with embroidered cloth, upon which were several small idols representing the chief tutelary spirits of the city, also some vessels and candlesticks of gold and silver. At the rear of the temple was a small tree-shaded courtyard in which were the private rooms of the residential priests who passed their solitary frugal lives in strict sobriety and celibacy, but were always ready to shelter any feed a weary wayfarer, or invoke a blessing for any poor sorrowing soul.

As Cheng approached the temple, some heavily-dressed labouring coolies who had been praying and were now sitting upon the well-worn steps and conversing, got up and, standing aside for him to pass, respectfully saluted him. Responding kindly and with great politeness, he gave each man a silver piece and passed on into the building, which was comparatively deserted. Only a subdued light fell upon the grim, immovable images and their gorgeous surroundings above which vaporous clouds of incense curled in narrow bands; and a priest silently flitted about in the shadowy gloom, his grey vestments being all in keeping with, and adding to, the solemnity of the sombre scene.

The young student was most devout in his prayers, and prostrated himself several times before each god, kneeling and bowing until his forehead touched the inlaid pavement. After rendering thanks and homage to heaven for its bountiful blessings during the past year, and supplicating a continuance of them in the future, he humbled himself before the God of Literature and beseeched him for having prospered him in his last examination and petitioned his further indulgence for the approaching one. Having placed several smouldering joss-sticks in the proper receptacles for them and also fixed and lighted sacrificial candles upon the tables—which his parents had already supplied with sucking pigs roasting whole and rice, fruit, tea and wine—he knelt and bowed before the large alter at which he made a burst-offering of silver-paper, thus sealing a large quantity to the heavenly hosts who would reward him according to. Then he paid his respects to the officiating priest, and, before leaving gave him a present for himself, and a liberal donation towards the maintenance of that time-hallowed shrine which was endowed to him by all the ties a Chinaman holds most dear; for upon its sacred floors generations and generations of his ancestors had knelt in prayer, and there his beloved father had worshipped as a child.

He was proceeding down the west side of the temple towards the entrance, when his attention was arrested by a young girl who was strolling before the central altar. He was at once struck by her singular beauty, and—although too stolid to be often prepossessed in favour of the gentler sex—he involuntarily paused and, standing within the shadow of a large pillar, intently regarded her, as if he were spell-bound with admiration. The young lady in question was richly apparelled, and by the cast of her features, was evidently of northern descent; for her nose was small and aquiline, her face full and very fair, and her eyes unusually large and luminous. She was playing innocently, and for some time seemed quite unconscious that her every movement was watched by a handsome young Southerner whose earnest eyes were almost, if not quite, as fine and expressive as hers. She happened, however, to unexpectedly turn her gaze in his direction, and their eyes met. With a deep blush, she at once rose to her feet and, walking a few steps in an opposite direction, suddenly disappeared.

Cheng seemed so enchanted with this strange damsel that, contrary to his usual discreet and highly dignified manner, he hurriedly walked towards the side entrance by which she had left. To his surprise and dismay he could see nothing of her, and the narrow roadway was quite deserted. This being his first intuition, he felt a desire to confirm his feelings, and the story of his adventure to someone whom he could trust, so he resolved to seek his sister Luh-hwa, as she was always kind and sympathetic; and with this intention he hastened out of the temple. Shortly afterwards he overtook his father—who had passed out by another door—and, while they walked home, repeated to him the conversation he had had with his tutor respecting the Taoist's money squeezing scheme, but said nothing about the *recooce*.

Mr. Hung seemed very pleased with the advice, and determined to act upon it.

CHAPTER VI.—THE MYSTERIOUS LADY.
Immediately on his return home, Cheng went in search of his sister. Having arrived at the entrance to the ladies' gardens, he sent a message by an *hush-hush* asking Luh-hwa whether she would grant him a private interview. The woman soon returned with a satisfactory reply and led him along a winding path to a small grass-plot where all the ladies were sitting together in the moonlight. Mrs. Hung was engaged in a game of dominoes with Ah-choi, Luh-hwa was plucking the guitar and accompanying it with her soft sweet voice, and their attendants were sitting or standing near them. As is customary during all festive occasions in "Far Cathay," each lady was nibbling the small cores of dried melon seeds* which, however, did not prevent them from keeping up an animated conversation.

The young man paused for a few moments in happy contemplation of the scene before him, which appealed strongly to his cultivated and naturally artistic taste, being a refined and unique picture of peaceful homelife in a united and prosperous family. In the fore-ground of the scene was the green lawn and the group of tall women with the pale moonlight shimmering upon their dark glossy hair and costly robes of embroidered satin and silk. On either side of them stretched the garden with their small mirror-like lakes and tributary streams which reflected fantastic bridges and unbroken through shady valleys and round rock-work hills crowned by miniature pagodas or avenues of dwarfed trees and flowery hedges, and in the background clumps of feathery bamboos, delicate ferns, and broad-leaved palms, gently swaying in the night-wind, were gracefully thrown into picture-like prominence by a fairy-like effect of silvery glistening water ejected by twin fountains which made sweet sibilant music that enhanced the solitude of night. And in the near distance, outlined against the clear sky, was the quiet and venerable roof of the city temple rising from a mass of variegated foliage which was further relieved at intervals by other pieces of curious architecture.

Seeing his brother approaching, Luh-hwa got up and, greeting him affectionately, led the way to a marble seat placed beneath a leafy arbour that was situated in a secluded part of the grounds. Then sitting down beside him, she listened intently while he unburdened himself of his secret, with which the reader is already acquainted. He waxed eloquent upon the almost ethereal beauty of the young girl he had seen in the temple and concluded by telling how she seemed to suddenly vanish from his sight.

"Ah!" said Luh-hwa enigmatically, as he paused. "You say she was dressed in very pale-blue silk. Was she tall?"
"Yes," he replied quickly; "I forgot to mention that she was much taller than the generality of her sex—and—"
Here Luh-hwa interrupted him by half-mechanically ejaculating the word *hu-tec-jen* in avowed spite.

"What do you mean, dear?" he asked somewhat sharply.
"Mean!" she reiterated significantly, "I mean, my dear brother, that you have had a lucky escape, for that lovely creature was evidently a fox-elf."

"Whatever makes you think so?" he asked with some consternation.
"Because you say that she was tall and dressed in light-coloured clothing, and that she disappeared suddenly. I suppose you were too frightened and reckless to realize your imminent danger which threatened you, and had it not been for the strong countering influence of the subtle essence which you inhaled from the temple, I tremble to think what might have been your fate; for I could name several instances when men have been victimized and killed by the diabolical art of the fox-elf. For example, towards the close of a summer's afternoon a few years ago a young man was walking through the fields near his native village, which was situated in the province of Fukien, when he beheld at some little distance from the temple, a girl to whom he was attracted, and who was evidently a fox-elf."

His favourite walk was upon the city walls, and one afternoon, while there, he passed a sedan-chair which was placed upon the ground—perhaps to give the bearers a rest—and guarded by two canes who stood on either side of it. The brief and unobtrusive glance he obtained through the gauze-covered side-window of the conveyance convinced him that the occupant was none other than the lady he sought; so, walking on for some distance, he leaned over the parapet, keeping one eye on the chair and the other on the surrounding landscape of which he had a splendid view.

Directly beneath him, on the outside of the high, lichen-clad walls, a narrow road skirted the moat for some distance and then struck through a small wood and across a stretch of park-like country that was intersected from east to west by a picturesque stream which wound its way, like a silver ribbon, round the base of a jagged-crowned hill, through fields of paddy and avenues of hawthorn and chestnut trees, being here and there spanned by a fantastic bridge or lost behind some leaytaneous, until narrowing into a mere thread, it entirely disappeared. In the dim distance beyond the green waves of undulating country—where the quaint and artistic roof of many an ancient edifice peeped from among the bright foliage of clusen-trees and clumps of graceful bamboos—a purple-lined ridge of hills formed an imposing and romantic background to the charming rustic scene.

At length the chair proceeded on its way, accompanied by the female attendants; so Cheng turned back and followed it, taking care to keep at a respectable distance behind lest he should betray his inquisitiveness. After leaving the walls by a steep circuitous route, it passed into one of the main thoroughfares, and when the centre of the city was reached, crossed the market-place and turned into a narrow alley-way beside the temple. Cheng quickened his steps, not wishing to lose sight of his quarry, and just arrived at the corner of the passage in time to see the rear-shaft coolie and the canes disappear through a door which communicated with the back premises of the Yamen. Casting an exploring gaze around, he crept a small lattice-window situated a little beyond; and some feet above the entrance in question; but the former was closed, and he turned away in rather a perplexed and disconsolate frame of mind, wondering what relationship existed between this fair damsel and the old Taoist; whether she was a wife or a daughter.

This time he kept his own counsel and did not say anything to his sister, and that night, about nine o'clock, he went round to the temple, but, not seeing anyone there left by the side-door leading into the alley-way which was quite deserted. He was now at the back of the Yamen, and, on looking up towards the lattice window, already mentioned, his attention was arrested by the dulce music of a moon-guitar* and a soft voice singing an old ballad of the Tang dynasty, known as "Muk Lan's Parting," which has fourteen verses, commencing thus:—

"Chick, chick, and over again chick, chick,
Muk Lan sits at her door and weaves;
Not heard is the loom nor shuttles click,
Only is heard the sigh she heaves."

For some time he listened entranced, standing there in the full light of the moon with his face upturned, when suddenly the music ceased and the face that haunted him appeared at the window. He was at once seen, and for a moment or two their eyes met and both seemed too surprised and embarrassed to move. Then bowing low—as if in apology for the intrusion—he turned away, and the sound of the lattice being sharply closed made him feel thoroughly ashamed of himself; and as the blood mounted to his face he vowed

* The *Yush-chen*, or moon-guitar, consists of a circular sound-board with a short neck upon which are numerous frets to guide the fingering. There are four strings of silk and the instrument is played with the nail of a plectrum which is held in the right hand.

that he would never make such an ass of himself again. Nevertheless he was obliged to secretly acknowledge that he was deeply smitten and when, during the pleasant afternoon strolls upon the city walls, he saw his lady-love's sedan-chair coming in the distance, his heart was wont to throb violently, and while it passed him his *mawaise hong* was so palpable, that the *awake*, who accompanied the conveyance, soon noticed it and, indeed, the young lady herself would have been very blind had she not done so too. However, he could never sum up courage to hazard more than a passing glance at her through the curtained window of the chair, but that was sufficiently gratifying to make him watchful and expectant when passing that way, and in time, as he did not take her usual ride, he was disappointed, and went home feeling quite sorrowful.

The young lady always sat bolt upright in her carriage and never seemed to look either to the right or the left, yet once or twice Cheng fancied that she was doing her utmost to conceal a smile or a shame-face, but her face was briefly raised as a screen, so he guessed it did not mean much.

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Kidney disease is serious, because it comes on so quietly. It has many symptoms, but often they are mistaken for other diseases. Headaches, rheumatism, a nervous, irritable condition, weak heart, dropsy, sleeplessness, an always tired feeling, yellow complexion, unnatural urine, too much or too little urine—these are just as much symptoms of kidney disease as backaches, gravel, bladder troubles, etc.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"GOLDMOUTH."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Godown and Kowloon Wharf, and Godown Co. Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd July, will be returned.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, the 3rd July, at 2 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 5th July, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO. Agents.

Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [1834]

S.S. "TOURANE."
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex.s.s. Adour and Charante, from Bordeaux ex.s.s. Ville de Rochefort, in connection with above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd. at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Opium Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after Monday, the 3rd July, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 3rd July, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 3rd July, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 26th June, 1905. [1]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,
AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"IDOMENEUS."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 29th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 3rd July.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd July will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 6th July, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [10-10]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"CHUSAN."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STEAMERS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on board:

From London, ex.s.s. B.I. S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 11 A.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 4th July, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

L. S. LEWIS, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th June, 1905. [1]

NEW SEASON'S CROPS.

ARDATH

SMOKING MIXTURE

INSTANTANEOUS

BANKS

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ... £10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP ... 15,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED ... 5,000,000
RESERVE FUND ... 2,720,000

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1905. 27

THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED
(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL
CHARTER).

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ... £10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP ... 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAICHU, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.
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Anping Nasasaki Tamsui
Fuchow Osaka Tokio
Keelung Shanghai Yokohama

HONGKONG OFFICE:
4, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Interest allowed on Current Account.
Deposits received on terms which may be learnt
on application.

S. SHIGENAGA Manager.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. 1121

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
J. R. M. SMITH
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1905.

THE DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... Sh. Tsch. 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
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DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learnt
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M. HOMANN,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1905. 82

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 185
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID UP ... £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE
HOLDERS ... 280,000
RESERVE FUND ... 257,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at
the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balances
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent

" " " 3% " "

T. P. COOPERNE, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1905. 23

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION

Paid up Capital ... £10,000,000
Reserve Fund ... £10,000,000
Sterling Reserve ... £10,000,000
Silver Reserve ... £10,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROFITS £10,000,000

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
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ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2% per cent per annum.

For 6 months, 3% per cent per annum.

For 12 months 4% per cent per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1905. 23

BANKS

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... £1,21,500,000
SUBSCRIBED ... 1,12,000,000
PAID UP ... 562,500
RESERVE FUND ... 110,000

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at
the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months ... 4%
" 6 ... 3%
" 3 ... 2%
" 1 ... 1%

A. R. LINTON,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1905.

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CORPORATION.

Fiscal Agents of the United States in China
The Philippine Islands and the
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CAPITAL AND SURPLUS

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CHARLES E. SCOTT,
Manager.

20, Des Vieux Road,

Hongkong, 26th May, 1905. [1062]

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INSURANCES

L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Undersigned having been appointed
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SIEMSSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. 13

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AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE IN-
SURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELL.

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AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared
to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at
current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 181

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCAN-
TILE INSURANCE COMPANY.TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1904.
£17,161,229I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £23,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... 2,750,000
PAID UP ... 687,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS ... 3,001,263 12 9

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS
against FIRE at current Rates.

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